

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/817,559

Filing Date: March 26, 2001

Applicant: C. Theodore Peachee et al.

Group Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: Julio C. Gonzalez

Title: SENSORLESS SWITCHED RELUCTANCE ELECTRIC
MACHINE WITH SEGMENTED STATOR

Attorney Docket: 3174-000003

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications and other information submitted for consideration by the Office (except unpublished U.S. patent applications) are listed on Form 1449 attached hereto.

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A. Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S. patent application publication and U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; (iii) for each cited pending U.S. application, the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application which caused it to be listed including the claims directed to that portion; and (iv) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

B. Any patents, publications or other information which are listed on Form 1449 or on the copies of PTO-892, but which are not enclosed herewith, were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in one of the following applications which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

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C. This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form-1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. Since the International Search Report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g))

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A. Except as may be indicated below in (B), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language (concise explanation not required).

B. A concise explanation of the relevance of each patent, publication or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)):

1. See the attached foreign patent office communication from a counterpart foreign application:

2. English translations are provided for: Japanese Patent No. JP404049826 A

3. Other:

C. The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

IV. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

A. The Examiner is advised that the following co-pending application(s) contain(s) subject matter that may be related to the present application. By bringing this(these) application(s) to the Examiner's attention, Applicant(s) does(do) not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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1. No certification; therefore, a fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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C. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d):

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Respectfully submitted,

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1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims		-20 **	=	0	X	Fee from below	=	0	Fee Paid
Independent Claims		-3 **	=	0	X		=	0	
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Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath		
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet		
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification		
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination		
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action		
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action		
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month		
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month		
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month		
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month		
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month		
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal		
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal		
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing		
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding		
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable		
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive – unintentional		
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)		
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee		
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee		
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner		
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)		
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	180	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)		
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))		
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))		
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		
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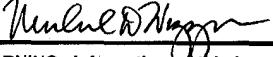
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